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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: T. WILFORD

Application No.: 09/839,562

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: April 20, 2001

Examiner: Unassigned

For: GRAFT FIXATION SYSTEM AND  
METHOD

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-268

**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application (the "Application") be corrected by adding the name of Cory W. Carter, who was inadvertently not listed as a co-inventor of the Application through error and without deceptive intent.

In support of this Petition and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), the following papers are submitted herewith:

- (1) Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2) by Cory W. Carter as the person being added as an inventor;
- (2) A Declaration executed by all of the actual inventors (i.e., Troy Wilford and Cory W. Carter) as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; and
- (3) Statement of consent by the Assignee (i.e., SYNTHES (USA)) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5).

In addition, a copy of an Assignment from Troy Wilford to SYNTHES (USA) is enclosed to show that SYNTHES (USA) is the owner of Troy Wilford's interest in this Application. The original Assignment was recorded by the USPTO on April 20, 2001 at Reel 011736, Frame 0381. Further, a copy of an Assignment from Cory W. Carter to SYNTHES (USA) is enclosed to show that SYNTHES (USA) is the owner of his interest in this

Application; the original Assignment is being transmitted under separate cover to the Assignment Branch for recordation.<sup>1</sup>

As Cory W. Carter is a true and actual inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the Application, and since he was not previously so identified through error and without any deceptive intent, it is respectfully requested that Cory W. Carter be added as an inventor of the above-identified Application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(4), a fee of \$130.00 is believed due for this submission. Please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Date June 26, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosures

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of clarification, please note that pursuant to these assignments, SYNTHES (USA) is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest to the U.S. application, while SYNTHES AG Chur is the assignee of rights, title, and interest to applications in various *other* countries.